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Hospice gives community advice on how to deal with the grief after two local boys die in car accident.

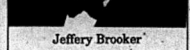
Community mourns loss of two of its youth

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

It was a sad day Saturday as members of the community showed up in force to lay to

rest two young men who grew up together and died together.

Jeffrey Brooker, 19, a student at Palm Beach Community College, and Brian Harrelle, 20, a Belle Glade Police Officer, died Thursday, March 20 in a car accident. Brian was driving his new 1997 Chevy Camaro on Bink's Forest Drive in Wellington when he apparently lost control of the car. The car hit a palm tree and burst into flames. Neither Brian or Jeffrey were wearing seat belts. Brian was ejected from the car. Both young men died at the scene.



Jeffrey Brooker



Brian Harrelle

Brian is the son of Belle Glade City Manager Lomax Harrelle. Jeffrey is the son of Gilbert and Lisa Brooker who own Brooker Glass in Belle Glade.

Jeffrey was a 1996 graduate of Glades Day School where he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Glades Day School Glee Club. He was employed in his father's glass business.

Brian was a 1994 graduate of Glades Day School and attended Palm Beach Community College to complete the police academy program. While at Glades Day he was a member of the football team and was involved in the Police Explorer Program. He worked in the Belle Glade Police Department's Community Oriented Policing program (COPS). He was recognized as Belle Glade's Police Officer of the Month last October because of his work in a burglary case.

He is survived by his parents, Lomax and Susan Harrelle and sisters Alexia Harrelle and Melanie Maurice, and a brother Tommy Maurice.

Funeral services were March 22 at First Baptist Church in Belle Glade. Brian Harrelle was laid to rest at Ridgeway Cemetery in Clewiston.

In addition to his parents, Jeffrey is survived by a sister, Kasey Elizabeth Brooker and aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Brooker of Belle Glade and Mrs. Roy Carter Jr. of Belle Glade and maternal grandparents Roy and Patsy Carter of Tavares, Florida.

Jeffrey's funeral was held Saturday, March 22 at the Belle Glade Alliance Church with entombment at Foreverglades Mausoleum.

Great Lakes Chemicals closing will impact the community

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

said.

Seventy local jobs netting an annual income of over four and a half million dollars will be lost when Great Lakes Chemicals closes its doors in 60 days.

Great Lakes, formerly known as QO Chemicals began production in Belle Glade in 1966. In 1995, the company received the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce "Community Pride Award" for being good neighbors in the community and for beautifying the landscaping around their plant, located behind Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative.

Branch Manager Doug Royster made the announcement last Thursday after breaking the news to employees on Wednesday, March 19.

Barbara Miedema, public relations spokesperson for the cooperative, said the cooperative has several contracts with Great Lakes. "We are evaluating the situation right now," she said. "It definitely saddens us to see them leave. We have a long history together."

The plant uses bagasse, a by-product of sugarcane to make furfural. Furfural is used in refining petroleum oils and in making varnishes, insulations, fungicides and germicides.

Company spokesman Greg Griffith, with the West Lafayette plant, said employees will receive assistance from an out-placement firm which will help with resume writing and interview skills.

Donald Simpson, executive vice president at the West Lafayette, Indiana plant, said, "The planned decision to cease operations in Belle Glade was based on several factors. Due to reduced availability of its primary raw material, sugar cane bagasse, the plant operates only on a seasonal basis. As a result, the cost structure for producing furfural in Belle Glade cannot compete on a worldwide basis with certain foreign producers that benefit from low-cost raw materials and associated costs."

He said many of the employees have high job skills and will be able to find other employment. About 20 employees will interview for jobs at other Great Lakes locations in El Dorado, Ark., Memphis, and Newport, Tenn.

Belle Glade Mayor Steve Weeks said he hated to hear about the closing of Great Lakes. "Anytime a business of this size closes it has a negative impact on the city. This also has a trickle down effect which many of us will feel," he said.

News Briefs

Pahokee to add fluoride
Residents in Pahokee will begin to enjoy what Belle Glade residents have had for many years - fluoride in their drinking water. Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck said the city applied for and received a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Health to add the tanks and system to the water. The water will be fluoridated as of April 1, 1997.

"Dentists have long said that fluoride is good for your teeth," said Mr. Schenck. "We are glad to be able to add this service at no extra charge for our residents."

Internships available
Rep. Mark Foley, R-FL, is accepting applications for interns in his Washington office for this summer. Applicants must be either a junior or senior in college, have at least a 3.0 grade point average, be computer literate and possess general office skills. The internship program is designed to give students with an interest in the political process a chance to see first-hand the inner workings of Congress. Interns will assist the staff assistant by answering phones, drafting and distributing mail, researching issues and logging constituent information. Interns usually work a full business day of eight hours or more.

"Learning can not only take place in the classroom; students need to have first hand experiences," said Rep. Foley. "Internships provide the educational equivalent of a year of university classes by exposing students to the issues and processes of the legislative branch. My staff works hard to ensure that interns are exposed to all the aspects of life on Capitol Hill."

Interested students should call the Palm Beach Gardens office at 561-627-6192 for an application.

Easter Sunrise Service
Miracle Temple Ministries is hosting an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 30 at 6:30 a.m. at the church, located at 104 S.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade. "Everyone is invited to come commemorate the resurrection of our Lord with us," said Pastor Alvin E. Nichols.

GDS to present "Hollywood Hotel"
Glades Day School's Class of 1997 will present "Hollywood Hotel" on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. There will be refreshments served following each performance. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from cast members or by calling Jamie Meeks at Glades Day School, 996-4140.

PHS reunion
Pahokee High School Class of '47 will celebrate its Fifty-fifth class reunion Saturday, April 5 at the Palm Beach County Community Center in Canal Point. Class members will gather for fun and conversation at 2 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The affair is informal and is open to any graduate of Pahokee High School. Contact Rodney and Joanne Connell at 996-2794 to register to attend.



THEY HUFFED AND THEY PUFFED AND THEY BLEW OUT 75 CANDLES...Pahokee's Mayor Ramon Horta and a past Mayor Lewis Friend blew out 75 candles on Pahokee's birthday cake during the "I Love Pahokee Day" celebration on March 22. Photo by Stephanie Schneider

Community comes together to celebrate Pahokee's 75th diamond anniversary

By Stephanie Schneider
Sun Reporter

PAHOKEE—On March 22, 1997, Pahokee celebrated its 75th anniversary the way only Pahokee can seem to come together and celebrate. The four corners of Pahokee (directly in front of the Chamber of Commerce and beside Western Auto) were alive and brimming with activity.

The smell of barbeque chicken and ribs filled the air and a three-tiered birthday cake sat on a table waiting to have the candles lighted and blown out so the residents of Pahokee could enjoy it. From the Mayor to the small children

of Pahokee, everyone in attendance seemed to be having a great time.

At noon, after Mayor Ramon Horta and past Mayor Lewis Friend blew out 75 candles on Pahokee's birthday cake, the mural on the side of Western Auto was dedicated. The artist Donald Neal was present to autograph t-shirts with a replica of his mural, sold by the Chamber of Commerce commemorating Pahokee's Diamond Jubilee.

The Easter Bunny even made an appearance to greet everyone, participate in the Easter bonnet parade, and have her picture made with the local children.

Glades Day benefits from Mildred Larrick's generosity

Mildred Larrick, 98, a longtime Lake Harbor resident who died recently, bequeathed a gift of \$75,000 to Glades Day School. Larrick, an educator who earned a college degree in her-50's, was a staunch supporter of education in the Glades area.

A teacher at Canal Point

Elementary and later at Christian Day School, she came to the Glades in the 1920's and was a survivor of the 1928 hurricane.

Through Larrick's generosity, Glades Day Schools Board of Trustees will be able to meet some of the capital needs required by the school each

year. School officials said Larrick's benevolence, as well as that of others in the area like her, will benefit the children of the Glades for years to come.

Other beneficiaries of her philanthropy are the Belle Glade and Pahokee Episcopal Churches and the Lake Harbor Methodist Church.



MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP GLADES watched a demonstration by Belle Glade Police K-9 "Bobby" and handler Officer John Owens last Wednesday during Legislative Day in the Glades. The Leadership Glades class is sponsored by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. The group of over 25 meet for a full day once a month to learn about various aspects of the Glades economy, culture, education and business.



Charles Dowers, age 5



Casey Gilbert, age 8

Coloring contest winners

Last week The Sun ran an Easter Coloring Contest for children in two age groups, five through seven and eight through 10.

The contest was sponsored by Palms West Medical Plaza, Great Lakes Chemical Corporation, Gilbert's Jewelers & Gifts, Inc., Foodland, Subway, Averill's and The Sun.

On Monday, March 24, the winners were selected and on Tuesday, Casey Gilbert, 8, of Belle Glade and

Charles Dowers, 5, also of Belle Glade, picked up their Easter baskets and had their pictures taken.

All entries received chocolate bunnies for their efforts.



Happy Easter to all our readers and congratulations to our winners!!

The Paint Store & More to host grand opening April 2

The Paint Store has been in Belle Glade for 55 years, but recently moved to a spacious location on South Main Street.

Owner Vera Robinson says the store has a new name and a new look. "We're now calling it The Paint Store & More because we're offering the community so much more than ever before. This expansion will allow us to offer a wider product selection, and as before, we will strive to give you the best service," she said.

Expanding from a small store on West Avenue A to over 6,000 square feet of space at their 300 South Main Street location has allowed Mrs. Robinson to now offer other products.

The store sells hardware, hand tools, lawn and garden supplies, carpeting, custom verticals, pressure cleaner rentals, wallpaper, paint and paint supplies, plumbing and electrical supplies.

"We're inviting everyone in



Vera Robinson

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the Glades to come to our grand opening on April 2 to celebrate with us," said Vera.

Come by the Paint Store & More from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and enjoy refreshments and participate in day-long door prize drawings.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The telephone number is 996-2510.

"Come in and compare our prices," said Vera. "You'll find you don't need to go to the coast to get a good price."

The Odd Couple
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One is very neat and loves to cook gourmet meals. The other is very messy and loves hot dogs. They both have been thrown out by their wives and now are roommates. The hit Neil Simon Broadway show starts two great comedians that audiences came to know and love on the hit TV show M.A.S.H.: Jamie Farr (Corporal Klinger) and William Christopher (Father Mulcahy). Don't miss a great night of comedy.

Dangerous Winds

By Mike Lyons

It was June 24, 1975. An Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 was making its approach to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City. The pilot had the big jet on the normal landing glide path. There were a few thunderstorms in the area but, overall, all was well.

Suddenly, the 30 mph headwind, that had been slowing the airliner's approach, switched to a 30 mph tailwind. The plane was too close to the ground to recover. Of the 124 people on board, only 12 survived.

Officials spend months trying to figure out what brought down the Eastern Airlines jet. No one could explain why that headwind had suddenly become a tailwind. The crash, was a mystery.

Until, Ted Fujita showed up. The University of Chicago scientist, best known as the inventor of the tornado damage scale, thought he knew what caused the accident. Fujita said the airliner flew through a downdraft of air so strong that it forced the airliner to the ground. Fujita called his discovery a downdraft.

At the time, meteorologists knew that thunderstorms produced strong downdrafts of air, but they assumed these didn't hit the ground hard enough to cause damage. Most scientists



Mike Lyons

were skeptical of Fujita's theory. To prove he was right, Fujita set up a research project near Chicago. In 42 days Fujita detected 50 downdrafts.

Today, using sophisticated Doppler radar, meteorologists can measure wind speeds throughout the interior of a storm. They have discovered that downdrafts are a fairly common byproduct of thunderstorms.

These narrow streams of air are less than one mile across, and in some cases, may only span 100 yards. As the stream of air hits the ground, its 50 mph downdraft of air may turn into spreading winds as high as 150 mph. These sudden, explosive winds can cause extensive damage.

In Florida last year, the National Weather Service recorded 365 severe thunder-

storms, most of which contained a downdraft. Thankfully, only one person died but property damage from these storms topped \$31 million dollars.

After high winds rip through a community most people assume the damage was due to a tornado. In most cases, it was a downdraft. In fact, after Fujita proved the existence of downdrafts in the late 1970's the number of tornadoes in the United States decreased significantly.

While downdrafts in Florida are accompanied by heavy rain, researchers have discovered that some of the strongest bursts have occurred on hot, dry and rainless days. These so-called dry downdrafts are most common in the western United States.

Downdrafts are small, brief and scattered. Most fall from thunderstorms but others come out of the most innocent-looking cumulus clouds. That means predicting where and when a downdraft will occur is very difficult.

All major airports have installed downdraft detection devices that will indicate any kind of wind shear. That will tell pilots that a downdraft is already underway but forecasting these powerful streams of air remains one of meteorology's biggest challenges.

Can you read this?

If you answered yes to the question in this headline, then you are one step ahead of 15% of Florida's adults over age 20.

It is estimated that 23 million Americans are functionally illiterate (read at less than a fifth grade level). Probably another 35 million are semi-literate (reading skills below eighth grade). Studies show that adults with minimal or no reading and writing skills account for one-third of mothers receiving A to F grades in their own children and 50% of prison inmates. Adult illiteracy costs society an estimated \$225 billion a year in lost industrial productivity, unrealized tax revenues, welfare, crime and poverty.

Illiteracy is growing faster than the U.S. population and in Florida the problem is even more acute because of the immigration of individuals who are not only illiterate in English but in their own language as well.

Over 65% of people on welfare who have a high school

diploma or GED leave welfare and become self-sufficient within two years. In order to receive either of these, one must first be able to read and write.

The Library Literacy Project and the Friends of Literacy, Inc. need your help. They have a waiting list of students, but not enough tutors to go around.

Tutors say giving the gift of literacy is a fulfilling experience. It is one way to make a difference. Students and tutors set their own schedules, so it is even convenient. Many times, these relationships blossom into heartfelt friendships. Says one former tutor, "Most people who are illiterate are quiet folks who don't draw attention to themselves. They lack self-confidence. Watching a person not only learn to read and write, but also come out of that shell and gain some confidence is very rewarding."

Anyone interested in becoming a tutor should call Pat Rogan, Literacy Specialist, at 996-3453.

Senior Citizen News

The West County Senior Citizens Center is located at 2916 State Road 15 in Belle Glade. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch is served daily at noon. For a daily update on activities at the center, tune to WSWN, 900 on the AM dial at 6:30 and 8 a.m. daily.

The center has exercise, music and entertainment for senior citizens. Anyone who has trouble with transportation can get a ride by calling 996-4818.

Special events this week include:

• Friday, March 28 - Pre-Easter Egg Hunt.

This week's lunch menu is as follows:

Thursday, March 27 - Roast chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot cake, wheat bread, chocolate pudding and milk.

Friday, March 28 - Fish fillet w/cheese, cole slaw, tomato vegetable soup, bun, cake and milk.

Monday, March 31 - Meatloaf w/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot cake, wheat bread, banana pudding and milk.

Tuesday, April 1 - Chicken cutlet w/gravy, mixed vegetables, parsleyed potatoes, wheat bread, fresh orange and milk.

Wednesday, April 2 - Sliced ham, steamed cabbage, whipped sweet potatoes, roll, pineapple chunks and milk.

If you are a senior and you've never been out to the center, give it a shot. There are good times to be had and friends to make. The more the merrier.

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Los miembros de la Junta de Salud y Servicios Humanos deberán:

- ser residentes del Condado de Palm Beach;
- estar dedicados a resolver las necesidades de salud y servicios humanos de la comunidad;
- estar dispuestos a donar aproximadamente diez horas por mes en actividades de la Junta; y
- estar dispuestos a servir un termino de cuatro años.

El COMITE REVISADOR esta sumamente interesado en aplicaciones de miembros de la comunidad del Condado de Palm Beach quienes:

- estan recibiendo los servicios de la agencia o sean elegibles para recibirlos;
- sean miembros de diversos grupos culturales;
- se hayan destacado en la comunidad, en negocios o en algun campo profesional;
- estan dispuestos a resolver los problemas de salud y servicios sociales de la comunidad.

Las aplicaciones pueden ser obtenidas en la Oficina de la Comision del Condado de Palm Beach/Relaciones Publicas localizada en la calle 301 North Olive Avenue o en cualquier centro de servicios del Departamento de Niños y Familias (vea al gerente del edificio). Para mas informacion puede comunicarse con la oficina de la Junta de Directores en el 837-5590.

Toda aplicacion debera ser recibida no mas tarde de las cinco (5:00 P.M.) del miercoles, 16 de Abril de 1997. Las aplicaciones pueden ser entregadas en las oficina de la Junta de Salud y Servicios Humanos localizada en 111 South Sapodilla Avenue, West Palm Beach o pueden ser enviadas por correo, con el sello de correos correspondiente al dia 16 de Abril de 1997.

VACANCY NOTICE

The NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE is seeking applicants for membership to the District Nine Department of Children & Families Health and Human Services Board.

Health and Human Service Board members are required to be:

- Residents of Palm Beach County who are committed to meeting the health & human services needs of the community.
- Willing to devote voluntary time to Board related activities or meetings (about 10 hours each month).
- Community residents (at least four (4) year term).

The REVIEW COMMITTEE is actively looking for applications from members of the Palm Beach County community who:

- Are receiving Department of Children & Families services or would be eligible to receive these services.
- Are members of diverse cultural and backgrounds and geographic locations which reflect our community.
- Are business, community or professional leaders.
- Are ready to help solve complex health & human services problems

Applications may be obtained from the Palm Beach County Commission Office/Public Affairs at 301 North Olive Avenue or at any Department of Children & Families Service Center (see building manager) or by calling the Department of Children & Families Board Office at 837-5590.

Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday April 16, 1997 or be delivered to the Health and Human Services Board Office, 111 South Sapodilla Avenue, by 5:00 p.m. that same day.

Medical Services

Fact Sheet

The American Cancer Society would like to provide the following statistical data on breast cancer in the state of Florida:

- Breast cancer is the number one concern of women everywhere. In 1997 alone, 11,800 women in Florida will be diagnosed with this disease and 2,900 of them will die.

- Florida ranks third highest of any state for breast cancer incidence and deaths.

- The high incidence of breast cancer in Florida can be partly attributed to aging demographics - more than 1.5 million women over the age of 65 - and the fact that nearly 60% of all breast cancers occur in women age 65 and older.

- Every three hours, one woman in Florida dies of breast cancer.

- According to a recent report from the American Cancer Society, approximately 800 of their Reach to Recovery volunteers visit nearly 6,000 newly diagnosed breast cancer patients in Florida each year.

- Seventy-one percent of the breast cancers diagnosed in the state are found in the early stages.

- Although almost 68% of Caucasian women in Florida diagnosed with breast cancer have very early and/or localized disease, this is true for only 55% of African American women and 58% of Hispanic women.

- Almost one million women, or 27% of women over the age of 40 in Florida, have never had a mammogram.

- Although Medicare coverage of mammography screening started in 1991, preliminary estimates from HCFA indicates that only 45% of Florida women age 65 and over used the new benefit in 1992 or 1993. The latest figures show that only 30% of all elderly women on Medicare submit claims for a mammogram in any given year. Rates for African American women are even lower, as are rates for poor women.

- For cancer information, call 1-800-ACS-2345. And get a mammogram...TODAY.

Fighting stress for better mental health

By Paula Swaford, RN

I believe the old saying goes something like this: "If you want something done...ask a busy person to do it". Last week we discussed stress and some methods of handling it. Ask yourself this question today: "Is your life running you, or are you running your life?"

Setting goals and priorities for yourself can help to reduce stress in your life. Besides the ever-popular goal of winning the lottery, what other plans do you have for your life? (By the way, winning the lottery is a WISH, not a GOAL.) A realistic, short-term goal for someone with financial problems could be as simple as learning to balance your checkbook, or paying off one of your credit cards.

It is a suggestion to commit to paper your daily, monthly and yearly goals, which are attainable (reachable) and realistic. Secondly, develop a plan to reach those goals, i.e. get a part-time second job to pay off that credit card in six months. The third step is to break down big goals into smaller, more "do-able" tasks that will bring you closer to



Paula Swaford, RN

your goal.

Prioritize your "to do" list to help organize your time. So many people get up every morning with no ideas, or no plans for the day...what a waste of time! If you stay on track today, tomorrow will take care of itself. After all, you are exchanging a day of your life for what you are doing today. And all of us who are getting older realize that every day we have is precious and valuable.

Some people tend to make their goals too large and unrealistic and actually set themselves up for failure and defeat. The number one reason people feel overwhelmed and "stressed-out" is that they have not determined their goals and

priorities. It is so easy to get side-tracked from your own goals when you must deal with the needs of others. Learn to say "no" to requests that aren't compatible with your goals. Stick to top priorities, activities or projects that move you toward your goals. We all have duties at work and home that we don't exactly enjoy doing. However, in order to reach a goal the tasks must be completed.

Let's take one of my most unfavorable things to do...mowing the yard...for instance. The options to get the yard mowed include: doing it myself, asking for help with it, delegating it to someone else (if possible) or hiring someone to do it. It is not an option to ignore the task, and hope that it will magically disappear (the grass, I mean), nor is it wise to procrastinate and keep putting it off, as that just causes the task to grow much larger than the original project would have

been. The options can apply to any task.

It is necessary to also look at the overall "big picture". Set long-term goals for yourself and reevaluate your life as it changes. Think about where you want to be in two, five or even ten years and start working towards those goals. Have confidence and pursue your dreams, realizing that you'll have to do things basically on your own. Few people are standing in line to help others succeed.

Personally, I have been fortunate all my life to have been around people who believed in me and my abilities blossomed because of their belief. I'm sure many of you have had similar situations. Try the suggestions and hopefully they will help in reducing the level of "bad" stress in your life and benefit your overall mental health.

Until next time...stay informed and stay healthy

PLAY IT SAFE

A Family Safety Safari, a safety journey for the whole family, will take place on Saturday, April 5, 1997 from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Services Center at 559 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach. This program is being organized by the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service in collaboration with other county, city and private organizations and businesses, in its continuing commitment to providing education for Palm Beach County residents.

The event promises to provide fun and education for everyone, as they learn about various aspects of safety such as air bags, poison prevention, child safety in the home, electrical safety and more.

Special attractions will include the Safety Angel, refreshments and prizes throughout the day.

For more information call 233-1742.

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OPINION PAGE



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Confusion reigns

"O.K. We residents of Southeast Third Street give up. What day are we supposed to recycle?"

We told Thursday. Four weeks ago, it was Thursday.

Two and three weeks ago, they showed up on Friday. Today, everybody has their stuff out on

Thursday and no show.

Trying to go with the program. What's going on?

We appreciate your concern. Thank you."

Editor's note: Your questions should be directed to the Solid Waste Authority. The number is 930-2727.

Should Florida repeal its intangibles tax?

By Randall G. Holcombe
The James Madison Institute

Florida is one of the few states that taxes intangible property, which is defined as "property which is not in itself intrinsically valuable, but which derives its chief value from that which it represents." Most property subject to Florida's intangibles tax consists of stocks, bonds, loans and accounts receivable. Both businesses and individuals are required to pay the tax. However, many types of intangible property are exempted, including cash and bank deposits, government bonds, many retirement accounts, and general partnership interests. Florida imposes a two mill tax (two-tenths of one percent) on qualifying intangibles. Individuals are exempted from taxation on the first \$20,000, and are taxed at one mill on intangible assets up to \$100,000; thereafter the rate increases to the two mill rate levied on all business-owned intangibles.

This legislative session, serious consideration is being given to repealing the intangibles tax. The main arguments given in favor of repealing the tax are that it is a tax on capital, so it discourages economic growth, and that because few other states have an intangibles tax, it puts Florida at a competitive disadvantage when trying to attract and retain business. The main argument against repeal is that the state cannot afford to give up the revenue from the tax.

Based on these arguments, the case for repeal is strong. The tax is placed on financial assets, not income, which makes the rate higher than it first appears, and the tax is owed even if the assets lose value. The state already has a corporate income tax, so on the corporate side Florida taxes the value of assets in addition to the income earned from them. While a few other states tax intangibles to some degree, only Pennsylvania has an intangibles tax nearly as extensive as Florida's, placing Florida at a competitive disadvantage and hurting its economic growth.

Does the state need the revenue? Most tax revenue growth comes from income growth, and because of a healthy economy, Florida can easily replace revenues lost from the repeal of the

intangibles tax. After adjusting for inflation, Florida's per person state tax revenues were \$537 in 1960, \$815 in 1970, \$912 in 1980, and \$1,198 in 1990. By 1994 Florida's inflation-adjusted per person tax revenues were \$1,312, a 244 percent increase since 1960.

Future income growth will create similar future tax revenue increases, and the repeal of the intangibles tax would create a better environment for economic growth. Florida does not need the revenue, and would be better off repealing the tax to create more economic growth, where most tax revenue increases come from.

The issue of fairness has also been a part of the debate. The argument in favor of the intangibles tax is that it is a tax on the rich, who own stocks and bonds. The reality is somewhat different, and to analyze it, business and individual taxpayers need to be considered separately.

On the individual side, more than half a million individual returns are filed each year. For a state with a population of about 14 million, and figuring about four persons per household, the tax is paid by about one Florida household in seven. Wealth is distributed unequally by age, so while many young adults may start out without assets, people save during middle age so they will have assets to retire on, and the burden of the intangibles tax falls heavily on Florida's retirees.

While most residents don't pay the intangibles tax now, most do aspire to have more than \$20,000 saved up for their retirement, so even if they don't pay the tax now, they can expect to owe it some day. Then the tax will chip away at their attempts to provide for their future. Because the tax is on assets, on income, even when their investments lose money, they still owe the tax.

On the business side, most intangible assets subject to the tax are accounts receivable. When businesses are owed money, the amount they are owed is a taxable asset. However, cash and bank deposits are exempt from the intangibles tax. Thus, at the end of the year, when the tax liability is calculated, if a business has sold

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Dealing with the loss - Hospice offers solace to grieving residents

By Deborah Dailey
President and CEO
Hospice of Palm Beach County

Few things are more difficult in life than coping with the sudden death of someone you love. I was in Belle Glade for a planning meeting the morning after the tragic automobile accident that claimed the lives of two talented and promising young men, Jeffery Brooker and Brian Harrelle. The entire community



Deborah Dailey

was clearly in a state of shock and struggling to understand how something so senseless and unexpected could happen.

Belle Glade is a closely-knit community and when tragedy strikes, the blow affects a large number of people. A tragedy of this severity and magnitude is likely to leave many residents bewildered and anxious, trying to make sense of the accident. The death of a loved one always leaves survivors with grief and sadness in their hearts. But a sudden death imposes severe stress on survivors' abilities to cope with their changed lives and their raging emotions. Deprived of the chance to say good-bye to their loved one, anger, guilt and depression normally ensue. In anticipated death, the survivors' grief is no less intense, but the family and friends have the opportunity to mentally and physically prepare for the inevitable.

After a sudden death, survivors react to the loss individually, depending on their personal relationship with the deceased. Accepting the death is extremely difficult, even though it is understood intellectually. This can result in self-imposed isolation, avoidance, loss of trust and anxiety. The world may seem frightening and unpredictable. Feelings that are usually foreign to the average person suddenly assume a central role in their lives and it is important to understand that these are normal in the grieving process. It may be helpful to create opportunities to share memories, such as a ceremony that offers closure and helps survivors accept and emotionally comprehend the scope of their traumatic loss.

Through counseling and with the help of their

friends and neighbors, survivors can work through their feelings and come to accept the reality of their changed lives.

The community should be aware that ongoing support is crucial to the "recovery" of the grieving. After a few weeks it is not uncommon for friends and neighbors to resume their normal activities and busy lives, often leaving those working through their pain to face the challenge alone. It's important to recog-

nize the survivors' need for company. Instead of asking "How are you?" ask "How are you doing today?" This tells the survivor that you understand that healing is a process, with no set time limits for recovery. Each individual's method of handling their grief is the "right" way, counseling may guide them to the most effective ways. The intensity of grief does lessen with time, although it is normal to experience recurrences of strong emotions. And the very presence of a friend or neighbor will assist survivors to focus on life-affirming issues, which don't replace the deceased but help to restore a sense of trust and purpose to the lives of those left behind.

Here at Hospice of Palm Beach County, our hearts go out to the community of Belle Glade and we encourage you to talk to one another, listen to those who are grieving as they review over and over again - the events that led up to the terrible accident and their attempts to create some sort of order in their lives. This is part of the healing process and a compassionate ear is more helpful than you might expect. We invite everyone who is struggling with pain and confusion as a result of the deaths of these two young men to seek support from Hospice of Palm Beach County's Belle Glade Team, at (561) 996-1285 or by calling our Horizons Bereavement Center at 1-800-287-4722.

Deborah S. Dailey is president and chief executive officer of Hospice of Palm Beach County, Inc. She is a member of the Council of Hospice Professionals of the National Hospice Organization and author of many articles on hospice issues.

Mental Retardation - How to protect our children

Last in a series by Scot Kannel
Director, Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens

Today in America approximately seven million people have mental retardation. It is 12 times more common than cerebral palsy. It cuts across racial, educational, ethnic, and social classes without discrimination. Of this affected population, 13 percent have I.Q.'s under 50 and have serious functional limitations.

Mental retardation is caused by conditions which impair the development of the brain before or during birth, or during the childhood years. There are three major causes: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Down Syndrome and Fragile X.

Fragile X and Down Syndrome are among a group of genetic conditions resulting from abnormal genes inherited from parents, errors in gene combination, or from disorders of the genes caused during pregnancy by infections, overexposure to x-rays, or other factors. This also includes inborn metabolic errors which may produce mental retardation, like PKU (phenylketonuria). Chromosomal abnormalities are also linked to mental retardation, as in Fragile X and Down Syndrome.

Problems that occur during pregnancy are significant causes of mental retardation and are for the most part preventable. Malnutrition, measles, exposure to various viruses, HIV infection and use of alcohol or drugs by the pregnant mother all increase the risk of the unborn baby. By far the greatest single preventable cause is alcohol use during pregnancy.

In pregnant women alcohol is not only carried to all organs and tissues, but also to the placenta, where it easily crosses through the membrane separating fetal and maternal blood systems, bathing the fetus and all of its developing tissues and organs in the same concentration of alcohol as the mom. Mom, however, has a fully developed liver capable of processing the alcohol

out of the system at a rate of about one ounce every two hours. Two hours after a drink is consumed, baby's blood alcohol is higher than mom's and will remain in baby's system for up to 24 hours.

A few facts: There is no difference in the type of alcoholic beverage consumed. The earlier in the pregnancy the fetus is exposed, the greater the risk. Alcohol exposure in the first trimester may affect the way cells grow and how they arrange themselves when they multiply. The brain is particularly sensitive to alcohol which diminishes the number of cells growing in the brain.

Evidence of abnormalities in three specific areas: growth, central nervous system functions and facial characteristics are the minimal criteria for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). Lesser variations of these symptoms are called Fetal Alcohol Effect (FAE). Unfortunately, birth defects related to alcohol are permanent.

Recent studies show that if pregnant women are made aware of the harmful effects of alcohol on their babies, they will reduce or cease drinking. The most critical time for the fetus, however, is in the first trimester when the mother may not even suspect she is pregnant.

The recipe for prevention is clear. Plan your pregnancy. Before you become pregnant be sure you have had all of your vaccinations against diseases.

If you have a family history of a genetic disorder, consult with your doctor and know the risks so you may make an informed choice about having children.

If you are actively participating in unprotected sex, don't drink. If you discover you are pregnant, stop drinking throughout the pregnancy. Get regular prenatal care.

We also encourage you to be a better neighbor and join the ARC. For more information, call the Glades ARC at 996-9583.

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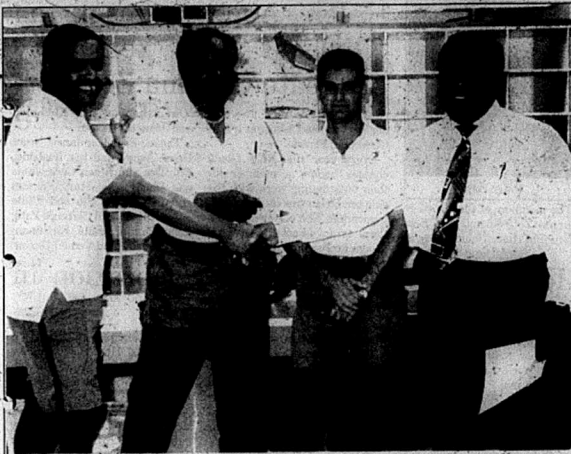
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PERFECT ATTENDANCE...Belle Glade Postal employees who didn't miss a work day in in 1996 were honored recently. From left are Angel Baez, Melton Crittenden, Adrian Hernandez and Postmaster Johnny Johnson who presented each employee with a gift certificate and a pin.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 601 complaints and worked 13 crime scenes the week of March 17-23. Those arrested included:

March 17 - Juvenile, 13, trespassing on school property.

March 18 - Ronnie Booth, 19, battery and two counts of resisting arrest without violence.

March 19 - Juvenile, 16, retail theft; **James Pringle, 45**, trespassing after warning; **Ronald Haulcomb, 30**, tres-

passing warning.

March 20 - Dafeshia Pettway, 18, burglary, petty theft; **Deborah Carson, 40**, two counts of failure to appear; **Juvenile, 14**, domestic assault.

March 21 - Anthony Christler, 26, federal probation violation; **Jean Baptiste, 42**, disorderly conduct, trespassing after warning and petty theft; **Willie Ivery, 37**, felony retail theft.

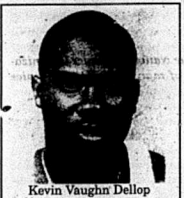
March 22 - Christine John-

son, 29, aggravated domestic battery.

March 23 - Angella Hunter, 19, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **James Vickers, 21**, domestic battery.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Crime Stoppers



Kevin Vaughn Dellop

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking

citizens to help locate Kevin Vaughn Dellop, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to sell. He is also wanted for trafficking in cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

Dellop is 5'9" tall and weighs 160 pounds. His last known address was 629 Covenant Drive, Apt. D, Belle Glade. He has black hair and brown eyes and has a scar on his left shoulder and arm. His

date of birth is August 28, 1972.

His Social Security number is 589-57-0546 and his last occupation was as a laborer.

His warrant was active as of March 18, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of Kevin Vaughn Dellop, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477.

You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property.

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 5 arrests the week of March 17-23. Those arrested included:

March 17 - Annie Lee Wallace, 42, simple battery.

March 18 - Ida Phillips, 19, retail theft.

March 19 - No arrests made.

March 20 - No arrests made.

March 21 - No arrests made.

South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made one arrest the week of March 17-23.

March 17 - Terry L. Wilcox, 26, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and fleeing

and eluding police.

March 18 - No arrests made.

March 19 - No arrests made.

March 20 - No arrests made.

March 22 - Elliott Boone, Jr., 30, failure to appear warrant.

March 23 - Juvenile, 12, indecent exposure; **Juvenile, 13**, animal mischief.

March 21 - No arrests made.

March 22 - No arrests made.

March 23 - No arrests made.

Black Gold Notes

By Sue Teets, Jubilee Chairman

Jubilee Applications are available

Applications for all Jubilee activities are available at the Belle Glade City Hall as well as the Chamber of Commerce. We want to see a big community turnout, so choose your event and pick up an application today!

Jubilee Deadlines:
Cookie Contest: April 11
Photography Contest: April 11
Volleyball: 11 Filled Teams
Mr. and Miss: 25 Entries
Each Booths: April 15
Night Golf: 16 Fourosomes

Jubilee T-Shirts will go on sale early

We plan to have our Jubilee T-shirts on sale by April 14. This year's logo and design are by Maxis Screen Printing of Clewiston. We sold out of shirts at the '96 Jubilee, so be sure to buy early. T-shirts may be reserved through the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

Jubilee Booklet Cover is Ann Tyler Original

The '97 Jubilee booklet is in production and should be available by April 11. Booklet

Chair Brenda Bunting says, "We are very proud of the booklet. It will feature an Ann Tyler original on the cover as well as the works of our 12 creative writing contest winners."

Ad sales for the event booklet are the Jubilee's main source of funding. Bunting says, "The Committee is very appreciative of the advertising we receive from the business community. We could not put on the Jubilee without this support."

The booklets are being printed by Lyons Printing and will be available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and City Hall.

Little Mr. and Miss to be at Belle Glade Elks Lodge

Organizers have announced a few changes in this popular event. The Tiny Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold category has been eliminated and entrants will vie in only one category. The contest will be for Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold, for youngsters 3-5. Also, the event has been moved to the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. For more information, contact the

Glades Day School Elementary Roosters at 996-4140.

Fishing Tournament is set for April 12

Belle Glade Fire Rescue announces that the Children's Fishing Tournament is set for Saturday morning, April 12 at the Belle Glade Marina pavilion.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and children can begin casting their lines at 9 a.m. All bait will be provided.

Divisions for the contest include Toddler's for children up to 5 years; Division I for children 6-8; Division II for children ages 9-12; and Division III for those 13-15 years of age. Parents are required to sign the registration forms.

Fire Chief Steve Rice says, "We are getting registration forms out, and we expect this year's event to be even better than last." Rice said the generous support of many sponsors has helped the firefighters to plan and organize the contest.

Major sponsors of the fishing tournament include Bank of Belle Glade, Dr. Howard Hill, Burger King, and Knight Management, Inc.

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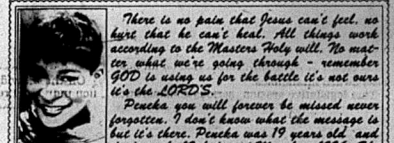
goods or provided services for companies and is still owed the money for the sales, a tax is due. But if customers have paid up, the business has the cash and does not owe any tax.

Is this just? A business that has not yet made the sale still has inventories, which are tangible assets and are not taxed. A business that has made the sale and been paid has cash, which also is not taxed. A business that has made the sale but is still owed payment has to pay intangibles tax on the unpaid debt.

The tax on accounts receivable hurts citizens several ways. First, businesses with large receivables are discouraged from doing business in the state. Small businesses are hurt, too. The owner of a small construction company reported that most of his customers usually pay promptly, but a few years ago when the economy was bad, he was owed a considerable amount of money, severely straining his business. Then his accountant told him that because his customers had not paid him, he had to pay the state a substantial intangibles tax, creating an even larger financial burden.

Many aspects of Florida's intangibles tax are unfair, and the tax discourages investment in Florida and lowers economic growth. Repeat of the state's intangibles tax

would create a more equitable tax structure now, and would lay the foundation for more prosperous Florida in the future.



There is no pain that Jesus can't feel. No hurt that he can't heal. All things work according to the Master's Holy will. No matter what we're going through - remember GOD is always on the battle. It's not ours to win or lose.

Peace you will forever be missed never forgotten. I don't know what the message is but it's there. Debra was 19 years old and died on the 19th day of March in 1996. She was born on the 25th day of November 1976. Buried on the 25th day of March in 1996.

Thank you Lord for we've had some good days and some bad days, but our good days out weigh our bad days so we won't complain.

In Loving Memory
Your Family, God-parents and Friends

Dear Glades Family,

Words cannot express the comfort you have given us thru your prayers, love, hugs, kisses, flowers, cards, food, phone calls, visits and your wonderful memories of Jeff.

The People of the Glades have truly embraced us with love and shared in our loss of our much beloved son Jeff. We are so thankful to be a part of this wonderful community.

Thank you again for everything.

Love,

Gil, Lisa & Kasey Brooker

Fat Boys' Bar-B-Q

For the Month of March

LUNCH SPECIALS

- *Monday - Chopped BBQ Sandwich (French Fries, Beans & Cole Slaw) - \$4.50
- *Tuesday - Country Fried Steak (Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables) - \$4.75
- *Wednesday - Meatloaf (Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables) - \$4.99
- *Thursday - Pork or Beef Plate (Sides of Mashed Potatoes or Potatoes, Beans, Cole Slaw & Garlic Bread) - \$5.50
- *Friday - Pork Chops (Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetables & Garlic Bread) - \$4.99
- *Saturday - All U Can Eat BBQ Chicken (Mashed Potatoes or Potatoes, Beans, Cole Slaw & Garlic Bread) - \$5.99
- *Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish (Mashed Potatoes or Potatoes, Beans, Cole Slaw & Garlic Bread) - \$6.95

DINNER SPECIALS

- *Monday - All U Can Eat Pork - \$6.95
- *Tuesday - 10oz Ribeye Steak - \$8.50
- *Wednesday - Country Fried Steak - \$6.95
- *Thursday - Catfish Dinner - \$6.25
- *Friday - All U Can Eat Ribs - \$6.95
- *Saturday - All U Can Eat Chicken - \$5.95
- *Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish - \$6.95

The above served with choice of Potatoes, Beans, Cole Slaw and Garlic Bread. No Sharing on All U Can Eat and No To Go on All U Can Eat.

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Lee Singers to perform in Pahoee

Good Shepherd Church of God, 1800 Racoon Point Road, Pahoee, will host a gospel concert on Easter Sunday evening presented by the Lee Singers of Lee, Cleveland.

The Lee Singers are a group of 50 vocalists and instrumentalists who repertoire is from the choral classics to gospel favorites. In its 32 year history, the singers have been the featured guest on television programs; at conventions such as the Music Educators National Conference, National Association of Evangelicals,

American Choral Directors Association, and the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America; and hundreds of church services in nearly every state in the United States.

The Lee Singers' overseas tours include performances in the countries of England, Ireland, France, Austria, Germany, Bermuda, the Philippines, Korea, Russia, and the Ukraine.

Dr. Wm. Maunin has conducted the Lee Singers since 1988. A former member of the Singers, after graduating from Lee

College with a Bachelor of Music Education degree, Dr. Maunin completed a Master of Music at the University of Southern Mississippi and a Doctoral of Musical Arts at the University of Miami. He serves as the Director of Graduate Studies in Music.

Pastor James Brewer invited music lovers to attend the concert of contemporary gospel and traditional sacred music which will begin at 7 p.m., Easter Sunday. Admission is free and a nursery will be provided for children under the age of six.



Helen Aspey

The members of the Laureate Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi chose Helen Aspey as

Helen Aspey chosen as "Girl of the Year" by Laureate Gamma Zeta

their "Girl of the Year" at a dinner held at the Clewiston Inn in Clewiston, Florida. Every year this Belle Glade chapter honors a member for their outstanding work with the chapter. Helen was the outstanding member. She was presented a floral arrangement and a floral design for her door by last year's

"Girl of the Year," Edie Kirchman and Jeannette Dexter. Those in attendance were Helen Aspey and her husband Bill; Dee and Butch Lutz; Jani and Don Flish; Mary Frances and Lee Burke; Flo and Edie Jones; Vivian and Clarence Pate; Echo Painter; Edie Kirchman and Jeannette and Vernon Dexter.

Messianic Passover Seder celebration in Pahoee

As a part of the week-long events in commemoration of the Passover Week sponsored by the Pahoee-Canal Point Ministerial Association, Pastor James Brewer and the Good Shepherd Church of God invite the community to attend their fourth annual Messianic Seder on Saturday,

March 29, at 6 p.m.

The seder includes the Haggadah, the telling of the miraculous escape of the Hebrew children from Egypt; a Passover dinner; and an explanation of the significance of the Festival of Redemption.

This is the festive holiday Jesus

and His disciples celebrated at the eve of His crucifixion. An authentic meal using Jewish recipes is served as a part of this seder.

Reservation are necessary for this event and can be made by calling 924-7284 no later than Friday, March 28.

Military News

Jose A. Aviles has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Royal Palm Beach, FL.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic

military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Aviles will begin military basic training on April 1, 1997.

He is the husband of Dora I. Aviles and stepdaughter of Cynthia V. Rowland of Belle Glade.

The enlistee received his Bachelor's degree in 1990 from InterAmerican University in Puerto Rico, San German.



Get ready for a musical treat...The Lee Singers will be singing at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahoee on Easter Sunday at 7 p.m.

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Graveside services were held at Port Mayaca Cemetery on Wednesday, March 12, 1997.

Obituaries

Jeffrey Gilbert Brooker, 19, of Belle Glade died Wednesday, March 19, 1997 in a tragic accident in Wellington. He was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Survivors include his parents, Gilbert and Lisa Brooker of Belle Glade; sister, Kasey Elizabeth Brooker of Belle Glade; aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Brooker of Belle Glade and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter Jr. of Belle Glade; maternal grandparents, Roy and Patsy Carter of Tavares, Florida.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 22, 1997 at the Belle Glade Alliance Church with Reverend Lloyd Greene officiating. Entombment followed at Foreverglades Mausoleum.

Arrangements were handled by Mixson Funeral Home, Belle Glade.

Brian Mark Harrelle, 20, of Belle Glade died Wednesday, March 19, 1997 in a tragic accident in Wellington. Brian was a police officer serving with the Belle Glade Police Department.

Survivors include his parents, Lomax and Susan Harrelle of Belle Glade; brother Tommy Maurice of Belle Glade; sisters, Alicia Harrelle and Melaine Maurice of Belle Glade; maternal grandparents, Norman and Patricia Heckel of Ft. Myers.

Funeral services were held with full police honors, Saturday, March 22, 1997 at Ridgeland Cemetery in Clewiston, Florida with Reverend Craig Hartzog officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Mixson Funeral Home, Belle Glade.

Rebecca Ann Higgins, 32, died Thursday, March 6, 1997, at her residence. She was born in Bar Harbor, Maine on May 7, 1964. She came to Pahoee as an infant.

She is survived by her common-law husband, Elvardo (Eddie) Elisero; mother, Janice H. Clough; sisters and brother-in-laws, Victoria and Bobby Harrison of Canal Point and JoEllen and Chris Modietette of Longview, Texas; brother, Randy Higgins of Canal Point; brother and sister-in-law, Bernie and Marilyn Higgins of Vero Beach, neices, Crystal Waldrop, Christina Harrison, and Sabrina Higgins; nephews, Bobby Harrison Jr., Cody Modietette, Kyle Modietette, Frederick Higgins, and Randall Higgins; great-niece, Kayla Waldrop; great-nephew, George Gomez; and a host of relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held

at Port Mayaca Cemetery on Wednesday, March 12, 1997.

Philip Maxson, 73, of Canal Point died Friday, February 28 in the Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahoee.

A native of West Point, Mississippi, he was born on May 17, 1923, son of the late Nathan Vine and Lillie Litrell Maxson. He made his home in Canal Point for over 65 years. A veteran of World War II, he was a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. Prior to his retirement he was an insurance agent for 23 years with Conger Life Insurance Company and Independent Life Insurance Company. In the early 1900s he owned Canal Point Sport Shop. He was well known as a watch maker. He was a member of the Canal Point United Methodist Church and was the last member of the "Seagrove Club," a group of pioneer citizens who gathered under a seagrape tree in his front yard and shared stories of the history of the Glades.

Surviving are daughters, Kathy Maxson Robinson and her husband, Richard of Atlanta, GA, and Jana Maxson Bearden of Jacksonville; brothers, Earl Maxson of Okeechobee, Leonard Maxson of Canal Point, and Alvin Maxson of Bogalusa, LA; sisters, Joan Sims of Canal Point and Dorothy Kinkade of St. Petersburg; grandchildren, Megan Leigh Bearden and Brandon Michael Bearden of Jacksonville.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. at the graveside in Port Mayaca Cemetery. The Rev. Greg Sampson, pastor, Canal Point United Methodist Church and the Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, Canal Point Baptist Church, officiated.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahoee, had charge of the arrangements.

Betty Jean Strahm, 69, of Tallahassee, Florida died Saturday, March 22, 1997.

Services were Monday, March 24 at Meadow Wood Memorial Park Timberlane Road Chapel with burial at Colley's Meadow Wood Memorial Park.

A native of Canal Point, she was born February 2, 1928 in Canal Point. She lived in Tallahassee for the past 20 years. She was an Air Force veteran and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Herbert E. Strahm of Tallahassee; a son, Scott Strahm of Tallahassee; 2 daughters, Becky Chermick of Parkland, NC; a brother, C.R. Strahm of Pahoee; and eight grandchildren.

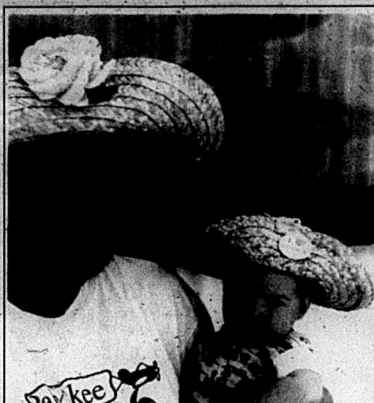
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It's a toss up as to which one is the cutest...Both of these ladies seem to be having a great time showing off their new Easter bonnets as they get ready for the Easter bonnet parade.
Photo by Stephanie Schneider



Dynamic Duo...Mom and baby show off their new bonnets at the "I Love Pahokee Day" March 22.



His autograph will be worth big money...Artist Donald Neal autographs the back of one of his many fans' t-shirts.
Photo by Stephanie Schneider



PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective April 1, 1997 the City of Pahokee will be adding fluoride to the water system. The installation was completed through the assistance of a grant from the State Department of Health. The purpose is to help improve the health and welfare of our residents. Should you have any questions, please call 924-5534, ext. 18.

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Look at all the smiling faces of local children who participated in the play "Snow White" held this past weekend at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.



Living Last Supper

For the fifth year, Canal Point United Methodist Church will host "The Living Last Supper."

The event will be at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade on Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. The play is based on the famous Leonardo DaVinci painting of the Last Supper which depicts the expressions and reactions of the disciples when Jesus spoke to them, saying, "One of you will betray me." The audience sees each disciple in turn "come to life" to express his own reaction to this revelation, after which Holy Communion is offered by area ministers to anyone who wish to participate.

Although hosted by Canal Point United Methodist Church, the men portraying each part are from various churches and denominations in the Glades.

For information, contact Rev. Greg Sampson at 924-7325; Dennis or Diane Wagner at 924-5780; or Jean Day at 996-5289. Admission to the event is free, but donations will be accepted that evening or can be sent to the church.

Chamber has applications for Black Gold events

Applications are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce for the many events associated with the Black Gold Jubilee. The annual Jubilee is April 19, with some events the week leading up to the all-day activities.

The Children's Fishing Contest is April 12 and parents must register their children and sign a release before their

child can participate. The event starts Saturday at 9 a.m. and if you have not registered your children, you may do so before the contest.

The Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold contest is that evening, April 12 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge and preregistration and a \$20 fee must be paid by April 4.

The Belle Glade Lions Club is again sponsoring the Harvest Queen Pageant on April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Tickets for the pageant went on sale March 25 at \$10 per person. For additional information call Becky White at 996-5800.

Arts and Craft and booth applications are also available at the Chamber as well as entry forms for the Photography Contest.

For more information on any or all of the Jubilee activities, call the Chamber at 996-2745.

Spring Break Camp set for Pioneer Park

The Glades Boys and Girls Club is sponsoring 1997 Spring Break Camp for children ages 5 through 13 at Pioneer Park Elementary from March 27 through April 4.

Activities will include wet-n-wild, foosball team tournaments, bumper pool team tournaments, table tennis tournaments, a nature walk and exploration of Lake Okeechobee, an Easter Eggstravaganza and hunt, field event sand daily lunches.

For more information call the Glades Boys and Girls Clubs at 992-5399.

Red & White Ball

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. will be sponsoring its annual Red & White Ball, Saturday, March 29, beginning at 9 p.m.

Dinner will be served and music will be provided by Harvey Poole, Jr. For more information, or tickets, call 996-6828 or any sorority member.

Hairdresser hopes to sing her way to Mexico



Carol Peaden

Carol Peaden of Pahokee calls herself the singing hairdresser. She has been singing spiritual songs for almost 10 years and has gained recognition locally and in the south.

Now, the owner of Carol's Hair Barn, has a spiritual mission and wants to help build a church in Mexico.

Approximately 25 members of the Good Shepherd Church of God will be traveling to Mexico in July to build a church and rebuild a home for a member of their church.

Jesus Corona lives in Mexico, but is currently residing in

Pahokee with his family. He has told parishioners about the conditions in his home in Los Mochis, near General Juan Jose Rios, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Mrs. Peaden says she will need to raise about \$1,500 for the trip to help pay for airfare, room and board and meals.

"It's exciting to do this. This mission has really touched my heart. To be able to go and build a building where people can go and worship the Lord."

She plans to sing her way to Mexico by offering her vocal talents at local churches and events.

Mrs. Peaden has had national recognition on two television broadcasts, the Tampa television station in 1988 and in Ringo, Georgia in 1994 when she sang on television with the ministry of Pastor Steve Smith. She has sung with several groups, including The Perry's "God's Little People" group, The Bishops, Perfect Heart, the Hemphills and Jeraldine & "Ricky" Reagan, a local ventriloquist.

Any church or group who would like to help Mrs. Peaden in her mission are asked to call her at 924-2767.

Sorority plans for Founder's Day

Xi Zeta Mu held their February meeting at the home of Annette Wilson with Laverne Motes as Co-Hostess. During the business meeting, plans were discussed regarding Founders Day.

The members also voted on the Girl of the Year. The Girl of the Year Party will be held March 15 at Sonny's in Clewiston.

Several members received special recognition as they received their Perfect Attendance Pins, those being: Karen Corbin, 11 years; Linda

McMillan, 9 years; Judy McMillan, 7 years; Gloria Swager, 6 years; Laura Enfinger, 5 years; Greadle York, 3 years; Janise Goforth, 1 year and Sandra Chamblee, 1 year.

After the business meeting, Sandra Chamblee gave an interesting presentation on Osteoporosis with information such as causes, risks, and prevention.

Gloria Swager won the gift raffle.

Others in attendance were Pat McKee, Laurel Tarr, Jane Evans, and Merelyne Cochran.

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Glades Day School Gator Tales

Glades Day School's campus has been pretty quiet this past week as faculty and students mourned the deaths of two alumni, Jeff Brooker (96) and Brian Harrelle (94). The two, who were killed in a car accident Wednesday, March 19, were well-liked by both their peers and teachers, and we will miss them dearly. Our hearts also go out to their families and we grieve with you. May God give you the strength to carry

on. Due to the tragic accident, our Spring Fling activities were postponed until the weekend of April 5-6. The golf tournament will begin at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course Saturday, April 5, with registration at 8:30 a.m. and tee time will be 9 a.m. The Western dance will be held from 8-11 p.m. Saturday night, and then the alumni baseball game will be at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon,

April 6. We hope you will join us!

There are several more events happening in April such as the varsity softball team's PANCAKE BREAKFAST and the senior class play that will be held Friday and Saturday evening, April 11-12.

Varsity softball players are sponsoring the Pancake Breakfast in an effort to raise money for their new uniforms. It will take place in the school's Tripp Hall from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children, and will include pancakes, sausages, and beverage. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact a varsity softball player or the high school office (996-6769).

The Senior Play, a two-act comedy titled *Hollywood Hotel*, will be held Friday and Saturday evenings, April 11-12. The comedy is about three teenage girls who hit Hollywood, each full of dreams about being discovered - one, a screenwriter, the second, a director, and the third, an actress. But their limited funds lend them in a grungy bungalow replete with assorted Hollywood characters. Many hilarious survival situations as they make the first successful steps toward their chosen careers.

Tickets, which include hors d'oeuvres that will be served after the performance, are \$8 and are available from Senior Class cast members or Becky White (996-5800).

A REMINDER TO PARENTS: GDS's Spring Break begins this Friday, March 28 and lasts through April 6. School resumes Monday, April 7. This is our last major holiday until the end of May, so take advantage of it and PLEASE BE CAREFUL!!!!

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Historically, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has provided funding to agencies which perform public purpose activities. Palm Beach County has previously made available up to \$5,839,575.00 for such programs. Applications will be made available from March 24-28, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

These are the areas which funding will be made available and their percentages as it relates to total available funding established by the County Commission:

Child Care	4.6%
Physical Health	4.0%
Behavioral Health-Substance Abuse	31.8%
Behavioral Health-Mental Health	37.9%
Housing and Community Support	3.8%
Individuals with Disabilities	5.2%
Organizational and Community Support	1.5%
Individuals/Family Support	11.2%

Applications can be picked up no later than Friday, March 28, 1997 and will be due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 1997 at:

Department of Community Services
810 Datura Street, Suite 200
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Should you have any questions regarding the application, contact Mr. Edward L. Rich, Director, Department of Community Services at (561) 355-4700.



See you later...These Pioneer Park Elementary School Safety Patrol students are getting ready to embark on a big trip to Washington, D.C.
Photo by Stephanie Schneider



Washington, D.C., here we come...The Safety Patrol from Rosenwald Elementary is so excited about their trip to Washington, D.C. that they are actually smiling about having to ride on a school bus to catch their train.
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Simpler Schedule C-EZ

The IRS has made some changes to Schedule C-EZ, "Net Profit From Business." The \$25,000 gross receipts limit is gone and the business expenses limit increased to \$2,500. These changes will let about 400,000 small-business owners join the 3 million who already use this simplified form to report their profits.

Workers' Tips Are Taxable

Tips that workers get are taxable income. If tips total \$20 or more a month while working for one employer, workers must report them to the employer. Employers must withhold federal income, Social Security and Medicare taxes on those tips. Then employers must file Form 941 to report the withholding to the IRS. For a brief overview, call 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Tips on Tips (Publication 1872 for employees or 1875 for employers). Or to get all the details, ask for Publication 15, Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide.

Farmer's Tax Guide

The IRS has a publication to help farmers fill out their farm tax returns and figure their taxes. Call 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Publication 225.

Tax Q&A's for Commercial Fishermen



The following questions and answers may help fishermen prepare their income taxes this year.

Q. A friend offered to salvage my boat in exchange for part of my next catch. Is that kind of deal considered income?

A. Yes. Whenever you trade property or services for something of equal or near value, it's called bartering. That income must be reported on your tax return. The amount you include as income is what you would charge a stranger for the fish, and the amount your friend would include is what someone else would pay to salvage their boat.

Q. I heard about a Capital Construction Fund (CCF). What is it?

A. The CCF is an investment program administered by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the IRS. It lets commercial fishermen enter into an agreement to invest part of their income in an interest-bearing trust fund such as savings accounts, stocks or bonds. The funds are to be used to buy or build a new fishing vessel or to reconstruct or condition one that is already owned.

Certain requirements must be met to qualify for a CCF. And if you enter into an agreement, you can usually deduct the investment from taxable income.

Q. Can I deduct the wages I pay my employees?

A. You can usually deduct wages, salaries and other forms of compensation paid to employees as business expenses if they are ordinary and necessary expenses of carrying on your fishing business. They also have to be a reasonable amount, for personal services performed, and paid or incurred during the tax year.

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First of their kind...New Hope Foundation's first official football team consists of (bottom row left to right) Tony Piercecon, Jessie Cato, Gary Godfrey, Jacoby Alexander, Brandon Bell. (second row left to right) Demetrius Fitzgerald, Brandon Harvey, John Decembre, Rodney Morris, Harold Decembre, Duke Morgan, Santos Garcia, Coach James D. Steele. (third row left to right) Jermaine Graddick, Francis Decembre, Keith McKentosh, Kenneth Bowls, Douglas Thompson, Kirk Patrick, Joey Yeloz, Tarie Kensler, Meshack Harris, and Keith Bowls.

Fishing with Walt Reynolds

Typical spring weather is what you will find here on Lake

Okeechobee in mid-March. This is usually a mix of calm days, windy days, rain, and sun. So whatever type of weather you like, just stick around a day or so and you will find something to your liking.

This week saw a lot of the bass move off the beds to a post-spawn mode. As I have been telling you lately, this does not mean you can't catch fish. It does mean that you have to move to the edge of the grass line and deeper water to catch quality fish. You also have to slow down as these fish

are not aggressive, nor are they going to chase a bait very far. A good choice of baits on calm

some of the smaller fish chasing fry around do look for the telltale ripples of schools of fry and fish those areas carefully and slowly. Use smaller baits in the plastics and a Zarra Spook would be a good choice in the topwater bait.

There still isn't much in the way of a crappie bite and the bluegill and shellcracker are just starting to show up in the bedding areas. Look for large white or orange circles in about three feet of water and you will be able to locate the bream beds.

To all a good bite, Walt Reynolds Touring Pro.



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Lady Gator Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JV	VAR.	Site	Time
4-8	King's Academy		X	Away	4 p.m.
4-10	Benjamin		X	Home	4 p.m.
4-11	Summit Christian		X	Home	4 p.m.
4-15	Moore Haven	X	X	Home	4 p.m.
4-15	Moore Haven		X	Away	4 p.m.
4-16	St. John Neumann	X	X	Home	3 p.m.
4-18	Clewiston		X	Away	5 p.m.
4-18	Clewiston		X	Home	4 p.m.
4-22	Jupiter Christian		X	Home	4 p.m.
4-24	LaBelle		X	Home	4 p.m.
4-25	Ft. Myers Evangelical		X	Home	3 p.m.
4-28	District Tournament		X		T.B.A.

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New Hope Foundation honors football team with awards dinner

By April Staffin

PAHOKEE—The New-Hope Foundation honored its first official football team with an awards dinner Monday, March 17, 1997. Director Ernesto Triana and Coach James D. Steele hosted the dinner for the team members and their families. "It is our way of showing appreciation to our newly formed football team. They have worked very hard and deserve recognition for their achievements," said Triana.

James D. Steele and Anthony Jackson coached the team for the 1996 season. The team finished the season with a victory at the Muck Bowl in Pahokee. The 1996 season games are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Games
South Bay	0	2	2
Belle Glade	0	2	2
West Palm	1	1	2
Riviera	0	2	2
Pahokee	1	0	1

"Our first season was fair, the team had to learn to work with one another. We saw our strengths and weaknesses. All players did a great job and we are looking forward to starting the 1997 season," Steele said.

Team Statistics:

Quarterbacks:	Passing	Yards
Jacoby Alexander	37	340
Keith McKentosh	3	29

Running Backs:	Carries	Yards
Duke Morgan	21	230
Cameron Wilkerson	7	42
Leroy Love	2	13
Kirk Patrick	25	147

Wide Receivers:	Catches	Yards
Gary Godfrey	3	97
Brandon Bell	4	37
Keith McKentosh	7	68
Harold Decembre	0	0
Joey Yeloz	0	0
Brandon Harvey	2	49
Calvin Warren	0	0

Defensive Ends:	Tackles	Sacks
Douglas Thompson	2	0
Brandon Bell	9	3

Linebackers:	Tackles	Sacks
Duke Morgan	14	3
Rodney Morris	17	2
Francis Decembre	9	1

Defensive Linemen:	Tackles	Sacks
Santos Garcia	31	5
Jessie Cato	29	1
Meshack Harris	9	0
Tony Piercecon	8	0

Defensive Backs:	Tackles	Intert.
Anthony Burgess	5	1
Jacoby Alexander	25	2
Tarie Kensler	0	2
John Decembre	0	0
Roderick Baker	0	1
Charles McCloud	0	1
Morris Bowie	0	0

Director Ernesto Triana, Coach James Steele, and Cindy McClendon, R.C.M.S. Center Coordinator, presented the football achievement awards to the following team members: Most Valuable Player/Best All Around Player

Jacoby Alexander

Offensive Player of the Year

Jacoby Alexander

Defensive Player of the Year

Brandon Bell

Most Outstanding Player of the Year

Gary Godfrey

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman

Jessie Cato

Most Valuable Running Back

Duke Morgan

Most Valuable Defensive Lineman

Santos Garcia

Most Valuable Linebacker

Rodney Morris

Most Valuable Defensive Back

Anthony Burgess

The New Hope Foundation has upheld its mission "to give disadvantaged children of the community the faith, hope, and skills needed to develop the individual's spirit, mind, and body to its full potential. The drive and ambition to enrich the children's lives come from many sources; the main influence is from our dedicated staff and volunteers," said Triana. The staff and volunteers present for the dinner included: Santiago Boynton, Family Center Coordinator; Keisha Jackson, Girls Basketball Coach; Cindy McClendon, R.C.M.S. Center Coordinator and April Staffin. The New Hope Foundation would like to thank all of the contributors who made this team a success.

Mr. Triana would like to extend a special thank you to both Detective A. Haywood, PBSO and Terrina Benbow, Juvenile Justice Case Manager, who were guest speakers and lectured before the dinner on the importance of abstinence and the consequences which could prevail.

For more information regarding New Hope, please call (561) 924-7947.

Local students enlist in National Guard

Robert Lee Benjamin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benjamin of Belle Glade and Lonnie Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Lee of Belle Glade, have both enlisted in Battery B, 2nd BN, 265th Air Defense Artillery, Florida Army National Guard, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Both young men are presently juniors at Glades Central Community High School. They will report for basic training in June 1997 at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. They will return from Basic in

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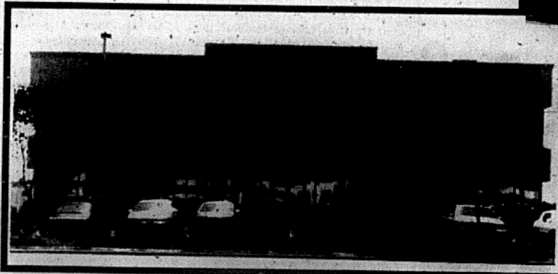
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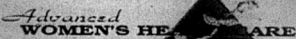


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Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The on-site survey of Columbia Palms West Hospital occurred in September.

"Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Columbia Palms West Hospital", says Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., President, Joint Commission. "This organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in the community."

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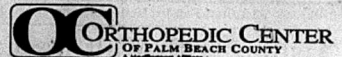
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Our staff consists of our board certified pediatricians, Dr. Shirley A. Marineau, Dr. Susan Shamaskin, Dr. Stacey Clark and Dr. Grisell Diaz de Villegas. Recently joining us this past month is Dr. Ali Khosravani, who is board eligible in pediatrics and will be taking his exam this year. As an added benefit, four of our physicians are bilingual in English and Spanish.

Our practice specializes solely in the care of children—from newborns to adolescents. We provide services such as well child care, including immunizations, hearing and vision testing, hemoglobin tests as well as tuberculosis screening. Because of our special training, exam rooms and instrumentation, we are able to take care of children of all ages, including children with disabilities. Also, we diagnose and treat most childhood illnesses and pay special attention to prevention. When needed, we refer to pediatric sub-specialists.

The Pediatric Center offers special services for children with chronic ear infections and monitors our asthmatic patients with the help of in-house oxygen measurements as well as spirometry. We offer in-house testing for other diseases as well. Also, we make special arrangements to provide free immunizations to patients without insurance coverage.

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